

GREEN MOUNTAIN

Poetry.

For the Freeman.

THE ABSENT.

"O! if my voice is thin, then what full many a voice is thine?
From every scene thy wing'd steps sweep, thou hast a sound align!" — [Mrs. Hawes.]

Around my mountain bourn,
The west wind whistles free,
And over all comes—
It wakes a thought of thee—
My brother!

Oh! bring me back my brother's heart!
Then roving western wind,
And let me find it as of yore,
As living, true and kind.

Then canst not I, bring one sweet tone
Of that dear song again?
And let me hear the welcome notes
To charm away my pain?

In vain I ask, yet here my prayer,
And bring no man sweet solace,
The same my brother used to wear,
My sorrows to beguile.

Then comes swift, western wind
From yonder setting sun,
And canst thou not one token bring
From that far absent sun?

The western wind sweeps by,
Nor bids a wish on th' bly.
Yet, brother! will not I
Believe that last longing—
Try said

Fayton, Jan. 1851.

Variety.

AN EXTRAORDINARY INCIDENT. — Bill, give me a bite of your apple, and I will show you my sore toe. Bill did it, for such an adventure could not be resisted.

"Cuff, did you ever break an 'ox?" "No, but I broke, on one important occasion, two or three wagons and when I come home, miss'd his bridle niggard's ole head entirely off—ole kiss!"

"I broke an 'ox ole oder day when I was gawin' up wood."

"Gib us de Sambo."

"Wal—I was sassin, my saw has broke and dis niggard fed in mud. Yah! Yah!"

"Leabe dis p'ace soon—you dan' niggar!"

UNMARRIED young ladies, read this, and never let slip a fair opportunity to get dowed:—

"Swedenborg says that though the virgins he saw in heaven were beautiful, the wives were incomparably more beautiful, and went on increasing in beauty everymore."

IN THE WORKS OF JAMES TAYLOR. — In the works of James Taylor, the Water Poet, there may be found the following piece of laborious ingenuity, on which he greatly prided himself:

LOW DUD I LIVE & EVIL I DID DWEL.

This said he, is the same buckwad as you did, and I will give any man \$5. a piece, if it can't make you can make.

A GUESsing PRIZE. — The Burlington (N. J.) Gazette notices a monstrous hog, weighing about 800 pounds, which is to be disposed of in New York on New Year's day, by being gauged for—that is, who ever guesses nearest its actual weight, having first paid \$1, will take him.

Rival Novel Writing.

A London paper says Mr. G. P. R. Jones, on his arrival in America, locked himself, for a large sum, to write ten novels in less time than Mr. J. Fenimore Cooper will take to write five.

At the end of the first week, Mr. Jones had completed four, and had got as far as the two tractors on the fine summer's evening, in the fifth, and was still, when the account left, in excellent wind. At the same period Mr. Cooper had finished one only, and just arrived at the discovery of the hero's lost grandmother, in the tribe of Equumix, towards the middle of a second; the severe weight of the material, besides, was beginning to tell, and he showed visible signs of prostration. There can be little doubt of Mr. Jones's winning his chivalrous wager.—*Literary World.*

Curious Revenge,
Or how a Woman Lost a Beautiful Leg.

The Lord in Lancet of July, tells the following extraordinary story:—

One evening, a man came into our office and asked to see the editor of the *Lancet*. On being introduced to our editor, he placed a bundle upon the table from which he proceeded to extract a very fair and symmetrical lower extremity, which might have matched Ariadne's better part, and which had evidently belonged to a woman.

"There," said he, "is there anything the matter with that leg? Did you ever see a humdinger! What ought the man to do with who cut that off?"

On having the meaning of these interrogatories put before us, we found it was the leg of the wife of our evening visitor. He had been accustomed to admire the leg and foot of the lady, of the perfection of which she was, it appears, conscious. A few days before he had excited her anger, and they had quarrelled violently, upon which she left the house, declaring that she would never again see the object of his admiration.—The next thing he heard was, that she was a patient in the hospital of —, and had had her leg amputated.

He had declared to the surgeon that it had suffered intolerable pain in her knee, and begged to have the limb removed—a petition the surgeon complied with, and thus became the instrument of her own absurd revenge upon her husband.

The Difference—Or Commission vs. Writ.

A capital anecdote is told of a certain Justice of the Peace in New Hampshire which is too good to be lost.

In Deerfield in that State several years since, there lived a sturdy old farmer, by the name of Jenness, who was possessed of considerable shrewdness and native talent, but very deficient in "book knowledge."

A Convention was about to be held at Concord for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor, to which Mr. Jenness chosen a delegate. He had long since concluded that a certain political friend of his ought to be nominated, and he should be if his voice could be heard. Accordingly when the Convention was duly organized, he proposed the name of William Plummer, as a man every way qualified for the office. Plummer was of course nominated and in due time elected.

When G. F. was fairly in office he thought some reward was due for such eminent services; he therefore filled out a In-teece's commission for his warm support, and giving it to the Sheriff, directed him to get it duly recorded and deliver it to Mr. Jenness. When this fun tory, in the discharge of his duty called at the residence of Mr. J., that gentleman was not at home. His wife came to the door, inquiring what was wanted.

"Here's" said the Sheriff, handing her the commission "is a document of importance for your husband. I want a dollar for my services."

Mr. J. paid him the money, and when her husband returned, she presented him his suspicious looking parchment, remarking:

"You have been sued for on dollar." He took the document and looking at it intently for sometime, was able to spell out the name of William Plummer at the bottom.

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Agricultural.



WATER OXEN.

We notice the arrival from Constantine, the new New World, via Liverpool, two pair of Asiatic buffalo calves, or they are generally called in the oaks.

These animals have been imported by Dr. Williams, of New York, and he writes, "I am the same, the back as well as the rear of the cattle, in which has a thousand head, sustained entirely by the rearing of cattle, in which has a thousand head, sustained entirely by the natural resources of the land, not only giving him a large revenue, but adding greatly to the supply of the real butter and cheese markets in our country."

A pair of these water oxen, brought on by Dr. Williams, over a year since, are real experts, (and of course of course,) fatness, and this from feeding on the pasture of the doctor's farm. Mr. Williams has in his enclosure, a great deal of this sort of land, now, which he will have to sell, he is now about to turn to good account with these animals.

The water oxen disregard mud or bog and are hence well adapted, as working oxen in such lands. A great part of the day they spend in Ashley river and an artificial pond on the doctor's farm, with only the nose out of water. They grow to an enormous size, the cows, tolerate milkers, and are very fat as beef cattle.

We are thus particular in this notice that the planters on our extensive marshes and rivers, where the fleshes are destructive to cattle, will examine into the capacities of these animals, and avail themselves of this facility of importation.—*Charleston Mercury.*

Extract from a Letter.
Competence and Health.

—Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 24, 1850.

"MY DEAR SIR.—I have now given the findings to my encyclopedic quack, and while I acknowledge the effects of which are ignorant and for which they derive their name, I am compelled to say that I have not been so much deceived as I was by the most invincible *Mariel Woman's Private Medical Companion.*"

"It has been worth my while to send this to my physician, who could not cure me, and I have now given it to the most eminent physician in the city, Dr. A. M. MAURICEAU, of New York, who has given me a certificate of his entire confidence in the efficacy of the book.

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